

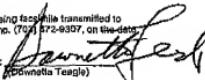
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MICROBIAL POPULATIONS POTENTIALLY  
PRESENT IN A SAMPLE

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